

Damaging BPA Transmission lines and property is a crime. It's a crime against all of us. **CRIME WITNESS**, BPA's toll-free crime informant hotline, allows you to report, confidentially, any illegal activity that you witness against BPA's transmission system, property or personnel.

Crime on the Lines Hits Home

It's amazing how many tasks we cannot perform without electricity. In the home that means no power for the refrigerator or lights - even no heat. At a hospital, life-saving medical equipment may become impaired. Business may lose valuable work time and income.

High voltage transmission lines, when brought to the ground by gunfire or other acts of vandalism, are dangerous. They can cause momentary lethal ground voltages that can kill or seriously injure. downed power lines can also cause forest or field fires.

It's an inconvenience, it's costly, it's dangerous and it's unnecessary. You can help put a stop to it. Each year, theft and vandalism cost BPA's rate payers \$500,000 to \$1 million. And, these figures represent only the direct dollar costs to BPA of replacing stolen or damaged equipment. Over and above these costs are lost revenues and the economic losses to electricity consumers due to power interruptions.

What's the Crime?

What to watch for as a **CRIME WITNESS**:

- ◆ shooting at insulators, power lines, transmission towers or substation equipment
- ◆ dumping of any waste or material on BPA property
- ◆ Vandalism to BPA equipment, supplies, tools or materials
- ◆ harm to BPA personnel

If you see or suspect that any of these crimes have been committed, become a **CRIME WITNESS**. Help keep the lights on, deter criminal activity and reduce costs to BPA and its customers (you) by calling **CRIME WITNESS** toll-free at 1-800-437-2744

The Pacific Northwest Depends on a Reliable Electrical Supply

Bonneville Power Administration was established in 1937 to market hydroelectric power. Today, BPA has nearly 24,000 kilometers (15,000 miles) of high voltage transmission lines and 585 operating facilities covering a service area of more

than 780,000 square kilometers (300,000 square miles) in seven states. This system is the electrical "backbone" of the region with the health of the Pacific Northwest's economy and the welfare of the region's nine million people depending on its continued reliable operation.

How **CRIME WITNESS** Works for You

Anyone who sees or suspects crime to the BPA transmission system or property can be a **CRIME WITNESS** by calling toll-free 1-800-437-2744. The toll-free **CRIME WITNESS** hotline is confidential. Hotline personnel will ask questions about the reported crime. This information will be used in pursuing an investigation with local law enforcement agencies.

Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 will be paid to **CRIME WITNESS** informants providing information that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons committing the crime. Rewards are issued in such a way that the caller's identity remains confidential.

For more information about the **CRIME WITNESS** program, please call the toll free number 1-800-437-2744 or the BPA Security Office at 503-230-4274 or 503-230-5148.

Federal Crime Witness Program

P.O. Box 3621 CGS-1
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To Report Theft, Vandalism, or Illegal
Dumping on Bonneville
Power Administration Property or
Harm to BPA Personnel.

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